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## Viewing cable 07NEWDELHI4898, MEA SILENT REGARDING PUBLIC DECLARATION OF BAN ON

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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
07NEWDELHI4898	2007-11-07 13:17	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy New Delhi

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REF: SECSTATE 144933

Classified By: Political Counselor Ted Osius for reasons 1.4 (b and d)

[1](#)1. (C)SUMMARY: MEA Joint Secretary T.S. Tirumurti acknowledged that the Government of India (GOI) denied a Burmese request for military equipment—the Kaladan Multi-Modal Transport Project, which includes the USD 103 million Sittwe project;

—a Tri-Lateral Highway in cooperation with Burma and Thailand. END SUMMARY.

----- GOI mum on public announcement of arms sales ban to Burma -----

[1](#)2. (C)On November 6, PolCouns urged MEA Joint Secretary (Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Burma, Maldives) to follow up on the GOI commitment to cease arms sales to Burma. India will not allow UNHCR access to possible asylum seekers -----

[1](#)3. (C) Responding to PolCouns' pressure to grant UNHCR access to Burmese asylum seekers (reftel), Tirumurti said that the GOI foresees no mass refugee influx. Two projects running through Burma offer connectivity to the northeastern states -----

[1](#)4. (C) Addressing MEA's involvement in the economic development of the northeastern states, Tirumurti reiterated that opening up trade routes to Burma would benefit India. Dutt upholds Indian interests in Burma -----

[1](#)5. (C) Rationalizing India's approach to Burma, Deputy National Security Advisor Shekhar Dutt told PolCouns in a separate November 6 meeting that India's policy is to engage with Burma. Parthasarathy: Burma is about China -----

[1](#)6. (C) Former Indian Ambassador to Burma G. Parthasarathy, one of the architects of India's 1993 decision to engage with the junta, described the situation in Burma as a challenge for India.

[1](#)7. (C) COMMENT: At a November 7 lunch with like-minded embassies (U.K., Australia, Canada, New Zealand), colleagues revealed that they have been discussing the situation in Burma. WHITE